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Subject: Tim V's notes from the bi-weekly Federal Coordination Call [BDCP] 23 OCT 2014

Hi Jane:

Please see item below for you flagged with the diamond;-) *

I looked at your calendar and I don't see you going to Sacramento next week, so please ask LKM for clarification.

Thanks, Tim

BDCP Fed. Coordination Call

23 OCT 2014

Principals and the Supplemental:

Ryan: The Principals met this week on scope of the Supplemental. The lead agencies are working toward a "compact and concise" document that will play into the "overall optics and messaging".

Ryan said they're also working to identify a preferred alternative in the Supplemental. In reviewing all the comments on the DEIS, the "biggest surprise" was on the air quality assessment and miscalculations involving emissions and the number of truck trips etc.

Erin and Tim asked whether or not "high outflow" scenarios would be modeled in the Supplemental. One of Ryan's colleagues (unidentified) said that modelers would be exploring the feasibility of running the "high outflow" scenarios. When pressed on whether this was a "yes" or a "no" the person wouldn't commit, so Tim said we would be taking this as a "yes" and this would be our expectation.

NOI (to prepare Supplemental) is in the works; actual document could be released in early

spring. The "IA" (Implementation Agreement) will be updated and furnished also in the Supplemental. Going all the way back to "Red Flag" comments from the past and recent comments to make sure everything is addressed.

As Mike Connor is in town next week for the Delta Science <u>Conference</u>, he'll appear in person at the Principals meetings set for next Tuesday (10/28). The Principals will also engage in the Fed/State meeting next Wednesday (10/29), and the meeting with PWAs, NGOs, etc. set for next Thursday (10/30).

Suite of meetings with the Corps and EPA:

The meeting yesterday with the Corps yesterday focused on navigation (Rivers and Harbors Act) and the barge traffic related directly to the construction of BDCP facilities. The meetings wasn't used to address potential impacts on federally managed levees (requiring "408" permitting under RHA). Next meeting with the Corps eyed for NOV 4th or 5th, and another one further out on NOV 17th.

* Policy Meetings: They are working to schedule the first Policy Meeting when Jane is in town (?!).

EPA is asking for policy decisions to frame, and set the stage for, the Technical Meetings (e.g. whether the models would be run to demonstrate compliance with WQS per D-1641).

BECT: Ann referenced meeting next Monday with BECT to plan for "BECT Workshop" (1/2 day or all-day).

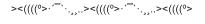
Theresa: Stakeholders "Remand Update" since the last meeting in May 2014.

Modeling of 5 alternatives beginning next month with preferred alternative being wrapped into 6th.

CEQ leading drought calls every other Monday.

NRCS actions on migratory bird conservation:

Luana Kiger noted that there's a 25% reduction in available habitat for birds due to shrinking acreage of flooded rice fields, and, in response to calls from NGOs focused on bird conservation and recovery, NRCS will be making \$800,000 in one time payments to rice farmers to retain irrigation water on their flooded rice patties. Since most of the wetlands across the Sacramento Valley were converted to farms or development, the rice farms serve as surrogate wetlands for a diversity of bird populations.



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